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Enclosed is a copy of the latest communication from the United States Patent and Trademark Office in the above identified *ex parte* reexamination proceeding (37 CFR 1.550(f)).

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Notice of Intent to Issue Ex Parte Reexamination Certificate	Control No. 90/014,795	Patent Under Reexamination 10329653	
	Examiner SEAN E VINCENT	Art Unit 3991	AIA Status Yes

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1. ☒ Prosecution on the merits is (or remains) closed in this *ex parte* reexamination proceeding. This proceeding is subject to reopening at the initiative of the Office or upon petition. *Cf.* 37 CFR 1.313(a). A Certificate will be issued in view of
 - (a) ☒ Patent owner's communication(s) filed: 21 February 2022.
 - (b) ☐ Patent owner's failure to file an appropriate timely response to the Office action mailed: ____.
 - (c) ☐ Patent owner's failure to timely file an Appeal Brief (37 CFR 41.31).
 - (d) ☐ The decision on appeal by the ☐ Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences ☐ Court dated ____
 - (e) ☐ Other: ____.
2. The Reexamination Certificate will indicate the following:
 - (a) Change in the Specification: ☒ Yes ☐ No
 - (b) Change in the Drawing(s): ☐ Yes ☒ No
 - (c) Status of the Claim(s):
 - (1) Patent claim(s) confirmed: 1-5,7-9,11,25-33,35-50,52-62,64,66 and 70-76.
 - (2) Patent claim(s) amended (including dependent on amended claim(s)): 12-16,18-21,23-24,34,67 and 69
 - (3) Patent claim(s) canceled: none.
 - (4) Newly presented claim(s) patentable: 79-126.
 - (5) Newly presented canceled claims: ____.
 - (6) Patent claim(s) ☐ previously ☐ currently disclaimed: ____
 - (7) Patent claim(s) not subject to reexamination: 6,10,17,22,51,63,65,68 and 77-78.
3. ☐ A declaration(s)/affidavit(s) under **37 CFR 1.130(b)** was/were filed on ____.
4. ☒ Note the attached statement of reasons for patentability and/or confirmation. Any comments considered necessary by patent owner regarding reasons for patentability and/or confirmation must be submitted promptly to avoid processing delays. Such submission(s) should be labeled: "Comments On Statement of Reasons for Patentability and/or Confirmation."
5. ☐ Note attached NOTICE OF REFERENCES CITED (PTO-892).
6. ☒ Note attached LIST OF REFERENCES CITED (PTO/SB/08 or PTO/SB/08 substitute).
7. ☐ The drawing correction request filed on ____ is: ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.
8. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of the priority claim under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the certified copies have
 - ☐ been received.
 - ☐ not been received.
 - ☐ been filed in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ been filed in reexamination Control No. ____.
 - ☐ been received by the International Bureau in PCT Application No. ____.

* Certified copies not received: ____.
9. ☐ Note attached Examiner's Amendment.
10. ☐ Note attached Interview Summary (PTO-474).
11. ☐ Other: ____.

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STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR PATENTABILITY AND/OR CONFIRMATION

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for patentability and/or confirmation of the claims found patentable in this reexamination proceeding: Xiao is the closest prior art and it fails to teach a magnesium alloy that includes in situ galvanically-active intermetallic phases or intermetallic particles to enable controlled dissolution of the magnesium alloy as claimed. The phases of Xiao taught to be involved in galvanic activity contain aluminum instead of the secondary/additive materials required by the claims. There is no suggestion from Xiao to substitute copper, nickel, iron or cobalt for the aluminum in the galvanically-active intermetallic.

Any comments considered necessary by PATENT OWNER regarding the above statement must be submitted promptly to avoid processing delays. Such submission by the patent owner should be labeled: "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Patentability and/or Confirmation" and will be placed in the reexamination file.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jean C Witz can be reached on 571-272-0927. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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